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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO 103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.**
The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(b) and 35 U.S.C. 363) once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(e) was received on 08 JUN 01 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National fee
- ☒ Copy of the international application
- Translation of the international application into English
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors
- Copy of Article 19 amendments Translation of Article 19 amendments into English
- The Article 19 amendments have not been entered
- ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report and English and its Annexes (if any)
- Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (if any)
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- The Annexes have not been entered
- Preliminary amendments filed and
- International Preliminary Statement of Filed
- ☒ Assignment document
- Cover Sheet and mailing label Address
- Substitute specification filed
- Indication of Status of the SBA
- ☒ Priority claim
- ☒ Copy of the international application report
- ☒ Certificate of the

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